

3 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: AC/TSD/R&amp;D

SUBJECT : Briefing of Dr. Tietjen

1. Mr. Helms asked me yesterday to invite Dr. Tietjen to visit TSD and become familiar with our entire R&D program [redacted]

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[redacted] In extending this invitation we should make it clear that we are doing so at the specific request of Mr. Helms.

2. You will recall that several years ago there existed a TSD (TSS) Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Helms. Dr. Tietjen was a member of the group which concerned itself primarily with the same fields which Mr. Helms has now asked that we expose to Dr. Tietjen.

3. The TSS Advisory Committee ceased functioning several years ago. It is apparent that Dr. Tietjen has the uneasy feeling that somewhere in the dungeon-like basement of TSD we have a vaulted area in which we conduct experiments of the sort described in H. G. Wells' The Island of Dr. Moreau. Evidently on several occasions recently he has disclaimed knowledge of our work in such a fashion that he leaves in the minds of his listeners the impression that this work, conducted without the assistance or participation of the Medical Staff, is quite likely to be a very risky venture with high flap potential to the Agency.

4. Be that as it may, could you please see that this entire program is discussed with Dr. Tietjen at one or more sessions. Appropriate projects from [redacted] should be included.

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5. Following the briefings I believe we should summarize them and Dr. Tietjen's reactions in a memorandum to Mr. Helms. I suggest we extend the invitation as soon as possible even though the press of work may prevent the actual meetings taking place much before the first of April.

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